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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PROG, MARR, IS, LE, NI

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN CONTINGENT FOR UNIFIL

REF: LAGOS 5430

1. USUN CHECKED WITH UN SECRETARIAT ON INFORMATION IN
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WHICH LOOKED INTO THE MATTER AND LEARNED THAT IN FACT 30
NIGERIAN TROOPS HAVE ARRIVED IN BEIRUT. UN SECRETARY
GENERAL WALDHEIM IS CALLING FOREIGN MINISTER GARBA TO FIND
OUT JUST WHAT THE STATUS OF NIGERIAN AIRLIFT OPERATION IS,
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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS EQUIPMENT NEEDS.

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DEPLOYMENT SINCE ADDITIONAL AREA IS NOW COMING UNDER UNIFIL CONTROL WHILE ISRAELIS WITHDRAW. UN ALSO NEEDS TO KNOW SOONEST HOW MUCH EQUIPMENT CONTINGENT IS TAKING WITH IT AND HOW MUCH WILL HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES BY UN SECRETARIAT.

3. REQUEST YOU APPROACH NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT SOONEST TO SUPPORT WALDHEIM'S REQUEST FOR EARLY ARRIVAL OF MILITARY ATTACHE IN NEW YORK AND TO OBTAIN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU CAN ON PLANS FOR AIRLIFT OF REMAINDER OF CONTINGENT AND ITS EQUIPMENT.

4. BEIRUT: ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN OBTAIN ON HOW MANY NIGERIANS HAVE ARRIVED IN BEIRUT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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